

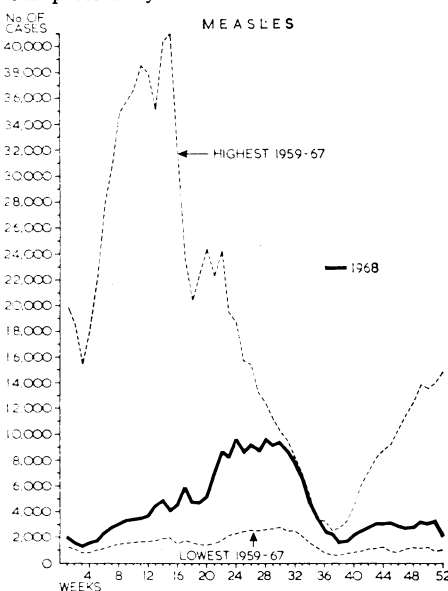
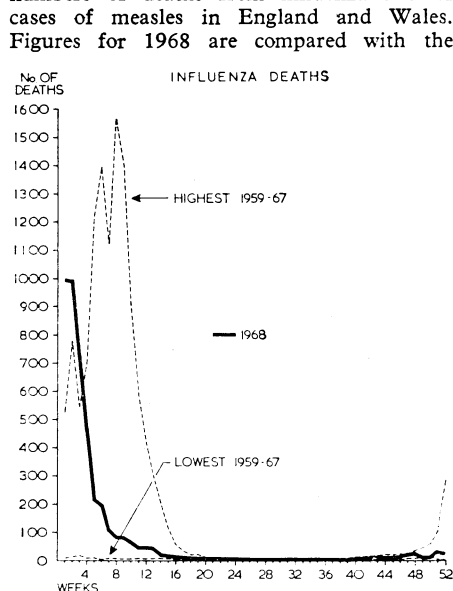
News and Notes

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Graphs of Infectious Diseases

The graphs below show the uncorrected numbers of deaths from influenza and of cases of measles in England and Wales. Figures for 1968 are compared with the

highest and lowest figures for each week in the previous years shown.



Infectious Diseases

Areas where numbers of notifications were high in the latest two weeks for which figures are available.

		Week Ending	
		27 Dec.	3 Jan.
Dysentery			
Devonshire ...	41	34	
Plymouth C.B. ...	40	25	
Durham ...	25	17	
Blaydon U.D. ...	20	13	
Greater London ...	86	72	
Islington ...	4	13	
Lancashire ...	61	74	
Liverpool C.B. ...	13	25	
Yorkshire West Riding ...	31	37	
Bradford C.B. ...	9	12	
Leeds C.B. ...	12	22	
Glasgow ...	50	14	

Food-poisoning			
Essex ...	0	24	
Southend-on-Sea C.B. ...	0	16	
Lancashire ...	32	43	
Liverpool C.B. ...	6	14	
Yorkshire East Riding ...	0	19	
Haltemprice U.D. ...	0	18	

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending 27 December (No. 52) and corresponding week 1967.

Figures of cases are for the countries shown and for Greater London. Figures of deaths and births are for the whole of England and Wales (London included), Greater London, the 17 principal towns in Scotland, the 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland, and the 14 principal towns in Eire.

A blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available.

The table is based on information supplied by the Registrars General of England and Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Eire, the Ministry of Health and Local Government of N. Ireland, and the Department of Health of Eire.

CASES	1968					1967				
	Eng. & Wales	Gtr. Lnd	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Gtr. Lnd	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	
Dysentery ..	373	86		15	1	239	23	72	27	6
Encephalitis, acute ..	1	0		0		2	0		0	
Enteric fever: Typhoid ..	0	0		0		4	4	0	0	1
Paratyphoid ..	1	0		0		1	1	0	0	0
Food-poisoning	66	10		0		49	18	6	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years				24	48				19	53
Measles* ..	2,024	497		70	39	1,190	22	16	51	83
Meningococcal infection ..	15	1		0		6	1	2	1	
Ophthalmia neonatorum	3	0				7	0	0	0	
Pneumonia† ..				1		242	46	162	19	3
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic ..	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	
Non-paralytic ..	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	
Puerperal fever§						61	26	1	0	1
Scarlet fever ..	227	42		17	11	194	37	24	13	5
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	87	18		3		119	26	57	0	
Non-respiratory ..	19	7		2		22	1	7	0	
Whooping-cough	83	18		11	3	432	75	36	8	63
DEATHS	1968					1967				
	Eng. & Wales	Gtr. Lnd	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Gtr. Lnd	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0				0	0			0	0
Dysentery ..	0	0				0	0		0	
Encephalitis, acute ..				0						1
Enteric fever ..	0	0				0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	5	1		2		21	4	0	1	2
Influenza ..	21	4		0		285	42	2	1	2
Measles ..	0			0		0			0	0
Meningococcal infection ..								1		
Pneumonia ..	1,056	181		26		1,785	346	32	24	20
Poliomyelitis, acute ..	0	0		0		0	0		0	0
Scarlet fever ..	0			0		0			0	0
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	37	7		6		37	0	1	1	1
Non-respiratory ..										
Whooping-cough	0	0		0		1	0	0	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year	216	38		23		322	75	28	9	19
Deaths (excluding stillbirths)	11,489	1766		281		15,123	2650	656	148	364
LIVE BIRTHS	8,313	1210		686		11,233	1690	807	168	528
STILLBIRTHS	169	22				187	22	16		

* Measles not notifiable in Scotland, whence returns are approximate.

† Includes primary and influenza pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

Infective Jaundice	Week Ending	
	27 Dec.	3 Jan.
Greater London ...	18	30
Lancashire ...	50	91
Eccles M.B. ...	3	15
Horwich U.D. ...	3	10
Yorkshire West Riding	23	42

Influenza

The Hong Kong variant of influenza A2 virus is being recovered from an increasing number of sporadic cases. It has also been isolated from nurses in a hospital on the outskirts of Birmingham and from nurses in a London hospital. Influenza A virus (not yet identified) has been isolated in Wolverhampton. The evidence suggests that influenza has begun to spread in the general community, particularly in parts of the West Midlands.

Returns from General Practice

The Records and Research Advisory Service of the Royal College of General Practitioners has supplied the following statistics of diseases reported from 45 general practices in the United Kingdom. The diseases for which statistics are shown will be varied from time to time in accordance with their prevalence.

New Cases per 100,000 Population at Risk

Week Ending	7/1/69*	31/12/68	24/12/68	17/12/68	Mean Previous 4 Weeks	Same 4 Weeks 1967/8	Weekly Mean 1968
Total communicable ..	179.2	127.4	152.9	160.7	148.5	124.0	138.5
Non-febrile common cold ..	261.8	185.3	220.4	235.1	225.9	277.3	153.2
Febrile common cold and influenza-like illness ..	121.8	85.7	108.9	94.9	95.9	241.8	79.9
Febrile sore throat (incl. tonsillitis) ..	154.7	93.3	170.8	149.2	144.6	144.8	151.4
Influenza ..	39.2	19.5	27.9	31.4	26.2	101.2	37.0
Pneumonia and pneumonitis	22.4	8.2	11.1	10.3	8.8	14.8	8.1
Acute bronchitis ..	173.6	104.0	139.9	113.6	118.9	162.7	80.9
Total respiratory ..	1,010.1	641.1	846.2	798.2	782.8	1,078.9	618.7
Population at risk $\times 1,000$..	143	159	162	165	162	138	161

* Provisional figures

MEDICO-LEGAL

Three Drug Cases

[FROM OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

Of the numerous drugs prosecutions now being brought in the courts three reports published in the same week as the report of Lady Wootton's subcommittee¹ are of more than humdrum interest.

The extent of the harm that can be done by an unscrupulous doctor is shown by the prosecution² of Dr. Christopher Michael Swan, aged 33, of the East London Addiction Centre, Hackney, E.1, and David Gordon, aged 26, of Ranelagh Gardens, Ilford, Essex, and Stephen John Hartford.

On 10 January Dr. Swan was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment after pleading guilty to six offences under the Drugs Act 1965, five charges of incitement to murder or soliciting to murder, and two charges of aiding and abetting illegal operations. Dr. Swan was said to have made about £15,000 a year selling prescriptions for Drinamyl and other drugs at £2 or £3 a time. A check with 54 chemists disclosed more than 5,000 prescriptions signed by Dr. Swan in nine months, including prescriptions for 530,000 Drinamyl and 41,000 Methedrine tablets.

Dr. Swan opened the East London Addiction Centre nearly a year ago. Offences came to light when police investigated an assault on Mr. John Joseph Wall, who had been employed by Dr. Swan to keep order in his waiting-room. The prosecution alleged that Dr. Swan and Hartford persuaded Gordon to attack Wall after Wall was heard to talk about activities in the clinic. Gordon stabbed Wall in the neck and back and only an emergency operation saved his life. As a reward, alleged the prosecution, Gordon received prescriptions for 16,000 Drinamyl tablets. While Dr. Swan was on remand in Brixton prison he offered £15,000 to someone he believed to be a professional assassin (who was in fact a

detective) if he would murder Hartford and White and two witnesses and another man and woman. On behalf of Dr. Swan, his counsel said that at the time he suggested killing the six people Dr. Swan's brain had ceased to function naturally, and there was now a lurking suspicion of grave mental disturbance.

Gordon was sentenced to 4½ years' imprisonment after being found guilty of drugs offences and of causing grievous bodily harm to Wall. The prosecution alleged that in April, May, and June 1968, Gordon was peddling Drinamyl at a club in Soho where he worked as a doorman. Hartford, who acted as Dr. Swan's medical secretary, though he was unqualified, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment before he gave evidence for the Crown.

Point of Law

A second case revealed an interesting point of law which, if decided one way, could reduce certain restrictions on use of cannabis almost to vanishing point. In an appeal to Oxford City Quarter Sessions it was submitted that no offence was committed when tincture of cannabis prescribed by a doctor is poured over tobacco and allowed to dry out before the tobacco is smoked. The Recorder of Oxford rejected the submission made on behalf of Miss Susan Ratcliffe, of Ashburn Place, South Kensington, and found that she was rightly convicted by the magistrates of permitting rooms she rented at Oxford to be used by an American student for smoking cannabis resin.³

The restrictions of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1965 are expressed to be related to

cannabis resin. If that is not to be read as including other extracts from the cannabis plant then not only will doctors be able to prescribe other extracts of cannabis but it will be lawful to possess, smoke, and consume those other extracts even without prescription. Expert witnesses disagreed at the original hearing as to whether what was left after the tincture was evaporated from the tobacco was cannabis resin.

In his judgement the Recorder said: "Having said, 'You must not smoke the resin,' it seems to me that the Parliamentary draftsmen must have, and indeed would have, felt it unnecessary to go further and add the words 'or any extract from the plant.'" Whether that is a correct line of reasoning, and whether it justifies upholding the conviction of Miss Ratcliffe, is to be doubted and may be tested on a further appeal. The Recorder reduced the sentence of conditional discharge imposed on Miss Ratcliffe to one of absolute discharge.

A third case,³ which is by no means unique, illustrates the extent of the market for which drug peddlers try to cater. On 10 January Saifuddin Hassan Ally, aged 27, labourer, Abdul Kader Hoosen, aged 30, restaurateur, and Abdul Hamid, aged 40, grocer, all of Manchester, pleaded guilty to attempting to procure cannabis in contravention of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1965. The first two men collected 85 cases of pickles imported from Pakistan, among which were hidden seven tins of cannabis weighing 1½ cwt. Hamid was arrested later. Hoosen was sentenced by the Recorder of Liverpool to five years' imprisonment, Hamid to four years, and Ally to three years.

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Long Working Hours

[FROM OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

A doctor who admitted he had not properly examined a patient in the casualty department of his hospital five days before her death blamed long hours and exhaustion for his mistake.¹

Dr. Wilson Dryburgh, casualty officer at York County Hospital, gave evidence at an

inquest on 9 January. Mrs. Edith Craven, aged 72, of York, was brought to the department complaining of head pains after a fall at her home. He examined her, studied x-ray films, and sent her home. She became delirious and was admitted to another hospital, but five days later she died from a

haemorrhage.

Mr. Innes Ware, the coroner, saying there was no criminal negligence, added that the doctor did not give Mrs. Craven the kind of examination she ought to have had. "There may be similar cases if the present unhappy position, as it appears to be, is not resolved, though working hours in hospitals are not my concern." A verdict of misadventure was recorded.

REFERENCE

¹ *The Times*, 10 January 1969.

MEDICAL NEWS

Harley Street Rebuilding

About 260 doctors with rooms at the northern end of Harley Street have received notice to quit by June quarter day to make way for a redevelopment project. It is understood that Great Portland Estates Ltd., which holds a building lease from the Crown Commissioners, proposes to reconstruct the interiors of the houses as flats and consulting-rooms, retaining the existing frontages. Last week Westminster City Council announced that it is to place a conservation order to cover the Harley Street neighbourhood. Any redevelopment, therefore, will have to be in keeping with the character of the area. Dr. W. A. H. STEVENSON, chairman of the St. Marylebone Division of the British Medical Association, is taking action to try to prevent any sudden large-scale alterations that would result in the displacement at the same time of large numbers of doctors, with consequent hardship to their patients as well. It is thought that a gradual phasing of necessary redevelopment would eliminate these difficulties.

International Museum Exchange

The pathology department at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine in London has established an exchange centre to distribute pathological material for teaching purposes to medical schools and hospitals throughout the world, but particularly to the developing countries.

Specimens are prepared to show basic pathology as well as diseases of individual organs; thus one specimen may show several conditions. The wet specimens are fixed and mounted on a perspex plate and enclosed in a plastic bag. Whole organs can be mounted in this way. Each specimen is complete with protocol, microphotograph, and a histological slide. The cost of each specimen complete is £2, plus cost of transport. It is emphasized that this is an entirely non-profit-making scheme, the cost per specimen representing expenses only. In addition, tapes and transparencies are prepared about different disease processes in the form of a lecture or quiz, which can be viewed and heard by the individual student in his own time.

Last year the director of the exchange and the chief technician set up a centre in Bombay to give a similar service to the South-east Asia region, under W.H.O., and in the coming year they have been asked to set up a centre in Ghana for the African region.

Further information can be obtained from Professor KENNETH R. HILL, International

Museum Exchange, Pathology Unit, Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London W.C.1.

New Inquiries into Drugs

Two subcommittees have been set up by the Home Secretary's Advisory Committee on Drug Dependence. One subcommittee, under the chairmanship of LADY WOOTTON, who chaired the subcommittee on cannabis, will examine the use and misuse of amphetamine and similar stimulant drugs. It will also complete a study of L.S.D. The other subcommittee will review the powers of arrest and search by the police in relation to cannabis and other restricted drugs. Its chairman will be Mr. WILLIAM DEEDS, Conservative M.P. for Ashford, and a former Under-Secretary, Home Office. Both the subcommittees invite written evidence, which should be sent to the Joint Secretary, Advisory Committee on Drug Dependence, Room 313, Home Office, Romney House, Marsham Street, London S.W.1.

British Postgraduate Medical Federation

Dr. I. C. GILLILAND has been appointed part-time regional adviser (regional postgraduate medical dean) in the North-west Metropolitan region from 1 February to replace Mr. D. C. BOWIE, who will retain his appointment in the South-west Metropolitan region. Dr. Gilliland will be on the staff of the central office of the Federation, whose address is now 14 Millman Mews, Millman Street, London W.C.1.

New M.R.C. Research Unit

The Medical Research Council has approved the setting up of a developmental psychology research unit under the direction of Dr. N. O'CONNOR, a former member of the Council's external scientific staff at the Institute of Psychiatry, London. The unit, which is formally associated with University College, London, is investigating the development of thought processes in mentally subnormal and mentally ill children. This is to be done by measuring and comparing the intellectual, behavioural, and physiological responses of normal and mentally handicapped children to problems of perception, orientation, sensory integration, and logical thought. It is hoped that the results of these experiments will give some guidance as to the most effective methods of educating autistic and subnormal children. The address of the unit is Drayton House, Gordon Street, London W.C.1.

Order of St. John of Jerusalem

Those recently appointed to, or promoted in, the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital

of St. John of Jerusalem include the following members of the medical profession:

As Knight of Grace: Dr. J. D. Fotheringham, M.C. *As Commanders (Brothers)*: Air Commodore F. V. MacLaine, Group Captain F. H. D. Hutter, Lieutenant-Colonel K. L. Batten, Drs. C. D. Bate-man, I. Fletcher, E. T. Weekley, J. V. Lofberg, and W. Gove. *As Officers (Brothers)*: Colonel G. A. Steele, Lieutenant-Colonel K. P. Milne, D. G. C. Whyte, D.S.O., J.P., Wing Commander W. E. Clifford-Jones, Drs. E. A. Gerrard, V.R.D., A. R. Harbinson, A. Hamilton, W. N. Whiteside, V. F. Tyndall, D. N. Mackinnon, C. G. Edwards, M. A. Weller, R. E. Pleasance, D. T. C. Barlow, M. J. Corrigan, T. J. Hypher, J. Anderson, A. H. Briggs, A. B. Antoni, W. A. G. Bell, A. L. Fjordbotten, D. F. Hewat-Jaboor, L. S. Parker, D. C. Foster, Messrs. J. D. Salmon and I. B. Tait. *As Associate Officers (Brothers)*: Drs. A. P. Ferry, R. R. Ray, J. W. Kohl, W. Casey, and J. N. Lewis. *As Officer (Sister)*: Miss Margaret Thornton Challis. *As Serving Brothers*: Major D. B. S. Taylor, T.D., Drs. J. McAuley, J. Mansour, H. Richardson, D. R. Cramb, M. K. Martyn, C. G. Pantin, W. G. Southern, P. R. K. Bradbury, J. C. H. Maidment, A. MacNab, D. Vining, F. D. Griffiths, P. G. A. Irvine, D. McDowell, A. McG. Michie, O.B.E., L. A. Brown, S. W. Cook, Kim Fields, K. F. J. Gordon, M. K. Deerbou, F. N. Bouvier, H. J. Melville, R. G. Moore, J. R. Macintyre, G. F. Lambert-Porter, P. A. Narraway, Messrs. S. G. Davidson and J. C. Comline. *As Associate Serving Brother*: Dr. L. A. Laventhall. *As Serving Sisters*: Drs. Dorothy E. Rutherford and Violet MacIntyre.

Todd Report

A survey of student opinion on the report of the Royal Commission on Medical Education is being undertaken by the British Medical Students' Association. The results will be analysed and discussed at a symposium on medical education to be held on 1 February at the Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London N.W.1. Details can be obtained from Miss ALISON HILL, B.M.S.A., B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

Maternal Deaths in Northern Ireland

A report on an inquiry into maternal deaths in Northern Ireland, the third of the series, covers the years 1964-7 (H.M.S.O., 3s. 6d.). In the 1956-9 series the chief cause of death was haemorrhage, with toxæmia a close second. In the present survey period pulmonary embolism was the principal cause, with toxæmia in second place. Together these conditions accounted for 20 deaths in a total of 37. Haemorrhage was responsible for two deaths, both considered avoidable, compared with 27 and 18 in the earlier reviews.

Centenary Research Fellowship

To commemorate the centenary of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, Brighton, an appeal has been launched for research funds. The aim is to establish a research fellowship for the investigation of the human, psychological, and medical aspects of commonly occurring paediatric illnesses.

Association of Physicians of Malaysia

The following have been elected officers for 1969: president, Dr. R. P. PILLAI; president-elect, Dr. J. S. EAPEN; secretary and treasurer, Dr. LIM EU JIN.

Relieving Nurses of Non-nursing Duties

A report by a subcommittee appointed by the Standing Nursing Advisory Committee (H.M.S.O. 3s. 6d.) points out that while the technical content of nursing has increased, nurses still continue to carry out a wide range of duties that do not require nursing skill. It discusses methods of relieving nurses of such duties and suggests that housekeeping teams should replace non-nursing staff in wards.

Orthopaedic Jubilee

The latest issue of the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* celebrates the first 50 years of the British Orthopaedic Association. Two founder members remain—Sir HARRY PLATT, Bt., and Mr. ARTHUR ROCYN-JONES. It was the wounds caused in the first world war that led the few surgeons then specializing in orthopaedic work to join together in the advancement of their branch of surgery. Under the leadership of Robert Jones, of Liverpool, who was 57 in 1914, the War Office established military orthopaedic centres at Alder Hey (Liverpool), at Shepherd's Bush (now the Royal Postgraduate Medical School), and then throughout the country. The decision to launch the British Orthopaedic Association was taken at a dinner at the Café Royal in London on 28 November 1917, and it was inaugurated the following year. From the first it had the friendly assistance of the American Orthopaedic Association already in existence. The *American Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery* became the official organ of both bodies and "American" was dropped from the title. In 1922 it was renamed the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, and then in 1947 the decision was taken to publish annually four British numbers in addition to the eight American numbers. In the present issue Professor ROLAND BARNES gives a short account of these changes and illustrates it with photographs of historic interest.

People in the News

► Surgeon Rear-Admiral D. P. GURD is to receive the honorary degree of D.Sc. (Pure Science) from Queen's University of Belfast, for services to medicine.

► Mr. DAVID OWEN, co-administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, has been appointed secretary-general of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Recent Publications

The Institution of Industrial Safety Officers (23 Queen Square, London W.C.1) has prepared a booklet, *The Training of Safety Officers*, price 5s., plus 6d. postage.

Coming Events

Institute of Dermatology.—Advanced seminar in dermatology for consultant dermatologists, 14–18 April. Fee 10 guineas. Applications by 31 January to the Dean, Institute of Dermatology, St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Lisle Street, London W.C.2.

Forest Medical Society.—Symposium, "Nutrition," 6 February, Whipps Cross Hospital, open without payment to all consultants, registrars, and S.H.O.s. Applications, before 27 January, to Mr. L. R. De Jode, Medical Education Centre, Whipps Cross Hospital, London E.11.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—Conference on problems of the long-stay patient, "Problems of Incontinence," 11 February. Fee £1. Applications by 4 February to Director, Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

London Medical Group.—Conference, "The New Poor," 7–8 February, London Hospital Medical College. Details from London Medical Group, 103 Gower Street, London W.C.1.

Royal College of General Practitioners.—Symposium, "The Family with the Chronically Ill Child," 21 February. Applications to Administrative Secretary, R.C.G.P., 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London S.W.7.

Filtration Society.—Symposium, "Filtration in Medical and Health Engineering," 14–16 April, 1969, University College, Gower Street, London W.1. Details from D. B. PURCHAS, Consultants Laboratories, 39 Victoria Street, London S.W.1.

Norfolk and Norwich Institute for Medical Education.—Residential "Postgraduate Course for General Practitioners" (under the auspices of Cambridge University Medical School), 14–18 April, East Anglia University. Details and application forms from the Secretary, N.A.N.I.M.E., Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk, NOR 53A.

Course on Epidemiology of the Communicable Diseases.—14–18 April, Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow. The course is intended for medical officers and is sponsored jointly by the Postgraduate Medical Board, Glasgow University, and the Scottish Home and Health Department. Fee £15 15s. (including daily lunch). Early application is advised and details are obtainable from the Director of Postgraduate Medical Education, the University, Glasgow W.2.

British Institute of Radiology.—Annual Congress and scientific exhibition, 17–18 April, Imperial College, London. Registration should be completed by 7 April (fee £2 (members), £3 (non-members)). Applications to the Institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W.1.

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked ● a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Friday, 17 January

CROYDON MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Croydon Eye Unit, 2.15 p.m., an afternoon of ophthalmology.
DUNDEE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Surgery Lecture Theatre, 5 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Professor G. M. Carstairs: Crime and Sickness.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Glyn Lloyd: Radiology of Sinus Disease.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 10.15 a.m., Mr. J. H. Peacock: Transplantation of the Liver; (2) 11.30 a.m., Mr. R. H. Franklin: clinicopathological conference; (3) 4 p.m., Dr. H. E. Webb: Role of Viruses in Pathogenesis of Central Nervous System Disease.

Monday, 20 January

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. W. G. Noble: Epidemiology and Epidemiological Techniques.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., combined staff consultation clinical meeting.
LONDON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—At Physiology Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. L. Packer: Mechanochemical and Osmotic Basis of Energy Transduction in Mitochondria.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Dr. G. M. Berlyne: Conservative Management of Chronic Renal Failure.

Tuesday, 21 January

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At Kennedy Lecture Theatre, Institute of Child Health, 5.30 p.m., Professor D. S. Munro: Long-acting Thyroid Stimulator.
CLATTERBRIDGE HOSPITAL.—At Bebington, Cheshire, 1 p.m., Mr. W. Gault: Vaginal Discharge.
CROYDON MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Mayday Hospital, 12.30 p.m., medical films.
FOREST MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Whipps Cross Hospital, London E., 1 p.m., clinical meeting; 5 p.m., seminar by Dr. J. Hamer: E.C.G.s.
GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., 8 p.m., Mr. A. Aldis: Stones and Bones.
HULL AND EAST RIDING POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION CENTRE.—At Hull Royal Infirmary, 8 p.m., Dr. S. Smith, Dr. A. Pratt: Cardiovascular Radiology.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Mr. J. W. Hadgraft: The Hospital Pharmacist and the Dermatologist.
KINGSTON UPON THAMES MEDICAL CENTRE.—12.30 p.m., Demonstration of interesting cases by general practitioners.●
LONDON MEDICAL GROUP.—At King's College Hospital Medical School, 5.45 p.m., symposium: Treatment of Alcoholism. *Speakers*, Dr. C. E. Salter, Mr. G. Armstrong.
NEATH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Neath General Hospital, 4.30 p.m., Dr. J. H. Jones: Treatment of Chronic Uraemia.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS: SOUTH LONDON FACULTY.—At General Practitioner Centre, St. Mary's Road, London S.E., 8.15 p.m., discussion: Drug Manufacturers and the General Practitioner. *Speakers*, Professor O. L. Wade, Mr. T. Newton, Dr. F. J. A. Bateman.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr. J. C. Kelsey: Sterilization and Disinfection—Priorities and Perspectives.
ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTRE, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Dr. C. F. Herridge: The Anti-depressant Drugs.
SCIENCE OF SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—At Hospital Centre, Nutford Place, London W., 7 p.m., seminar, Professor Margot Jefferys: Perturbations due to Social and Cultural Changes.●
SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Professor E. Stroud: The Diseases of Immigrant Children.
WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—At Lecture Theatre, 8.30 p.m., symposium: Clinical Aspects of Use of Oral Contraceptives in General Practice.
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m., Mr. J. E. Hale, Mr. A. Stoker: Tumour Dissemination.

Wednesday, 22 January

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE.—At Marcus Beck Room, Royal Society of Medicine, 8.30 p.m., Mr. A. Lettin, Dr. R. Barbor: Spinal Fusion.
CHILTERN MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe, 12.15 p.m., clinicopathological meeting.
EPSOM MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Epsom District Hospital, 8.15 p.m., Dr. R. G. Chitham: Chromosome Abnormalities.
FOREST MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Whipps Cross Hospital, London E., 8.30 p.m., Dr. S. G. Browne: Tropical Disease in England.
GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., (1) 2.15 p.m., clinicopathological conference; (2) 2.15 p.m., film: Chromosome and Human Pathology.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. P. D. Samman: Abnormalities of Nails.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. B. Strickland: Unusual Aortic Disease.
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. M. L. Rutter: Family Pathology and Child Psychiatric Disorder.●
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Mr. R. T. Turner-Warwick: Urethral Stricture.
MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 5 p.m., joint meeting of Sections of Pathology and Medicine, Dr. J. T. Dingle: Role of Lysosomes in Pathology and Biology.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Nuffield Department of Medicine Lecture Theatre, Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Dr. A. Basten: Role of the Lymphocyte in the Genesis of Eosinophilia.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Professor J. P. Payne: On the Resuscitation of the Apparently Dead.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Professor A. Golberg: Diseases of Porphyria Metabolism.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 10.15 a.m., Medical staff round; (2) 11.45

a.m., clinicopathological conference; (3) 2 p.m., pathology guest lecture.
STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL.—12.15 p.m., Dr. Jane Somerville: Clinical Diagnosis in Cardiology.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Board Room, Kent and Sussex Hospital, 12.45 p.m., Mr. J. E. H. Cogan: Sudden Loss of Vision.

Thursday, 23 January

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—At Large Lecture Theatre, University Medical Buildings, Foresterhill, 5 p.m., Medical Staff Committee lecture by Mr. Jo Grimond: The Future of Scotland.
BRISTOL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At Kennedy Lecture Theatre, Institute of Child Health, 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. W. Black: Effects of Drugs on Control of Venous Capacity.
DUNDEE UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department Lecture Theatre, 5 p.m., Professor R. B. Welbourn: Nutritional Aspects of Gastric Surgery.
LEEDS MEDICAL SCIENCES CLUB.—At Littlewood Hall, General Infirmary at Leeds, 7 p.m., presentation of medical papers.
LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—8 p.m., jointly with Psychiatric Society, symposium by Dr. P. Pinkerton, Dr. R. S. Jones: Management of Childhood Asthma.
LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 8.15 p.m., Mr. W. J. Dempster: Some Transplantation Dilemmas.
NEATH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Neath General Hospital, 4.30 p.m., clinical meeting: Diagnosis and Treatment of Addison's Disease.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor C. L. Sarin: Haemodynamic Studies in Calves Sustained on Artificial Hearts.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Professor J. S. Scott: Immunological Factors Related to Pregnancy.

Friday, 24 January

EAST HAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—12.30 p.m., Dr. J. B. Enticnap: clinicopathological meeting.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. S. C. Lennox: Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease.
NEATH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Neath General Hospital, 8.15 p.m., Dr. L. Howells: Acute Poisoning in the Cardiff area.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 10.15 a.m., surgery lecture by Mr. Norman Gibbon; (2) 11.30 a.m., Mr. G. D. Chisholm: clinicopathological conference; (3) 4 p.m., Dr. F. Bartter (Bethesda): Adrenal Hyperplasia and Aldosteronism.

Sunday, 26 January

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—At Clinical Lecture Theatre, gastroenterology meeting, 10 a.m., Mr. H. B. Torrance, Mr. D. Charlesworth, Mr. T. Testa: Isotopic Scanning Techniques in the Investigation of the Liver, Spleen and Pancreas; 11.15 a.m., case presentations.

Appointments

BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—A. Rhodes, M.B., F.R.C.S. (part-time consultant surgeon (9 notional half-days weekly) to the Coventry group); W. J. Tempowski, M.B., D.M.R.D. (whole-time consultant radiologist to the Birmingham (Selly Oak) group); R. N. Ibbotson, M.D., M.C.Path., M.C.P.A. (whole-time consultant pathologist and deputy director of the Blood Transfusion Service, Birmingham); A. W. Sollom, M.B., F.R.C.S., D.O. (part-time consultant ophthalmologist (9 notional half-days weekly) to the Wolverhampton and Stafford groups); Jennifer E. J. Yates, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (part-time consultant anaesthetist (9 notional half-days weekly) to the Birmingham (Selly Oak) group); B. H. Burns, M.D., D.P.M. (whole-time consultant psychiatrist to the East Birmingham group); H. Irfan, M.B., M.R.C.P.Glasg. (whole-time consultant physician (geriatrics) to the Dudley and Stourbridge group); P. J. C. Ashurst, M.D., M.R.C.P. (part-time consultant dermatologist to the Dudley and Stourbridge and Wolverhampton groups); A. R. Kurwa, M.B., M.R.C.P.Ed. (part-time consultant dermatologist to the West Bromwich and Birmingham (Dudley Road) groups); S. H. Dallas, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (part-time consultant anaesthetist to the West Bromwich group); W. J. O. Box, M.B., F.R.C.S., F.F.R. (part-time consultant radiologist (9 notional half-days weekly) to the South Warwickshire group); C. W. O. Windsor, M.B., Ch.M., F.R.C.S. (part-time consultant surgeon (9 notional half-days weekly) to the South Worcestershire group); M. A. Feldman, M.B., F.R.C.S. (whole-time consultant surgeon to the Birmingham (Dudley Road) group); P. W. Robertson, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.M.R.D. (whole-time consultant radiologist to the East Birmingham group); C. D. Neal, M.B., D.P.M. (whole-time consultant psychiatrist to the Shrewsbury group).

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—R. J. Purnell, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, North-east Quadrant of the region).

HOSPITALS FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Margaret A. Branthwaite, M.B., M.R.C.P., F.F.A.R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, Brompton Hospital).

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—J. A. Glass, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (whole-time or maximum part-time consultant anaesthetist, Bolton and District group of hospitals); B. G. Mendelsohn, M.B., M.Ch.Orth., F.R.C.S. (whole-time or maximum part-time consultant traumatic and orthopaedic surgeon, Bolton and District group of hospitals); D. Murphy, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed. (whole-time or maximum part-time consultant E.N.T. surgeon, Wigan and Leigh group of hospitals).

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.—R. P. G. Sandon, M.B., F.R.C.S. (honorary consultant in plastic surgery, Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, S.W.).

MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT.—I. C. Bailey, M.B., F.R.C.S. (consultant neurosurgeon, Uganda Government).

NORTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—G. B. Smith, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist to Hackney group of hospitals for duties mainly at the Plastic Surgery Unit at the German Hospital); B. M. N. Pitt, M.D., D.P.M. (consultant psychiatrist to Harlow group of hospitals); J. S. Conway, F.R.C.S., D.O.M.S. (consultant ophthalmologist to London Jewish Hospital).

NORTHERN IRELAND HOSPITALS AUTHORITY.—D. A. Canavan, M.D., M.R.C.P. (consultant in general medicine, Northern Ireland Fever Hospital); T. E. Field, M.D., M.C.Path., D.T.M.&H. (consultant pathologist, Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service); W. F. K. Morrow, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S.I., M.R.C.P.Ed. (consultant anaesthetist, Belfast group).

NORTH-WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—C. P. L. Brugger, M.B., D.C.H., D.P.M. (consultant psychiatrist, Hill End Hospital and the Tavistock Clinic).

OXFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—E. W. Colley, M.R.C.S., M.C.Path. (consultant pathologist, Northampton, Kettering area); Eileen M. Darwood, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, Northampton area); D. G. Price, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, Reading area).

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—J. V. Loughlin, M.B., D.P.H. (deputy county medical officer of health and deputy principal school medical officer).

WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—B. J. E. Cooke, M.B., M.R.C.O.G. (consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology, Bournemouth and East Dorset); C. D. G. Evans-Prosser, B.M., F.F.A.R.C.S. (consultant in anaesthetics, Winchester).

Universities and Colleges

ABERDEEN

Ph.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: D. P. Dhall, G. McA. Lees.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOTHERAPY.—D. F. Dunne.

EDINBURGH

At a Graduation Ceremonial on 11 December the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—¹J. R. Philp, ^{1,2}Christine A. Snodgrass, ²G. F. Howie, ²R. N. T. Thin.

Ch.M.—²G. J. A. Clunie.

Ph.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: ¹J. R. Harris, ²R. G. Stevenson, ²D. G. Woodfield.

Ph.D.—In the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine: ¹A. G. Brown.

M.B., Ch.B.—J. R. Hamilton, I. A. Moffat, G. Scollay, J. Taylor, W. M. Wood.

The following bursary and prizes were awarded in the Faculty of Medicine: *George William Falconer Mcnaughton Bursary in Physiology*, B. M. Frier, E. B. Jamieson *Prizes in Anatomy*, J. M. Gollock, Lesley B. Scandling.

¹Commended for thesis. ²In absentia.

LONDON

Professor J. H. Wilkinson, Ph.D., D.Sc., M.C.Path., professor of clinical chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed to the chair of chemical pathology tenable at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

MANCHESTER

FINAL M.B., Ch.B.—G. Ainscow, P. V. Barber, P. D. Belcher, P. G. Bradley, H. J. Campbell, J. N. Hodgkinson, P. F. Kallis, R. Smythe, J. B. T. Tebb, J. W. G. Yarnell.

D.P.H.—R. Singh.

Appointments.—Dr. L. A. Turnberg (lecturer, gastroenterology, in department of medicine); Dr. C. G. Beardwell (lecturer, medicine).

BIRMINGHAM

The title of reader in medicine has been conferred on Dr. G. Cumming, senior lecturer in the Department of Medicine.

The title of honorary research fellow has been conferred on the following for the period of their work in the University in the departments indicated in parentheses: Dr. G. Virella, Gulbenkian Science Foundation Centre of Biology, Oerias, Portugal, Dr. Maria F. L. Lopes, Lisbon University (experimental pathology); Professor J. R. Teruel, University of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil (social medicine).

The title of assistant clinical tutor in the departments indicated in parentheses has been conferred on the following for the period of their service in the University of Birmingham Hospitals: Dr. S. K. H. Desai, Dr. N. F. Harley, Dr. Isobel R. Mackay, Dr. J. R. Smethurst, Dr. Y. M. A. Tai (anaesthetics); Dr. E. Housley (medicine); Mr. J. B. Miles (neurosurgery); Mr. B. Cruickshanks (ophthalmology); Dr. H. Lauth, Dr. N. M. E. Robertshaw (psychiatry); Dr. S. Barkat (radiodiagnosis); Mr. R. J. Clarke, Mr. B. Goodhead, Mr. R. T. J. Holl-Allen (surgery).

Appointments.—Dr. M. A. T. Cook (temporary lecturer, department of anatomy); Dr. E. F. Glasgow (senior research fellow, department of pathology).

At a Congregation on 13 December the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—J. S. Milledge, P. J. Stevens.

Ch.M.—A. D. Barnes, C. W. O. Windsor, P. M. Shenoi.

M.B., Ch.B.—D. M. Allin, A. J. Leatham, M. O'Malley, Margaret M. Sealey, N. S. Wallace, Lilian Leow (*in absentia*).

M.B.—J. D. Spencer (the degree of Ch.B. having been conferred *in absentia* by special warrant on 18 June 1968).

The following degrees were conferred *in absentia* on students in the University College of Rhodesia by special warrant on 18 November 1968:

M.B., Ch.B.—¹Sue A. Cornthwaite, ^{1,2,3}J. D. Knottenbelt, ^{1,2}G. D. Webster, R. M. S. Bell, Diana S. Cattle, D. C. Chapman, T. H. Chimbira, Christine M. Knottenbelt, K. A. P. Lee, W. G. W. Legg, C. Bonny Mamvura, R. B. Naik, J. Rana, Elizabeth A. Robson, N. Trachtenberg, D. H. Yesorsky.

¹With honours. ²Distinction in medicine. ³Distinction in paediatrics. ⁴Distinction in obstetrics and gynaecology.

The following scholarships etc., were awarded in the Faculty of Medicine: *University Research Scholarships*, P. H. Cooper (biochemistry), I. Holloway (physics and experimental pathology), Rachel L. Hocken (anatomy), C. J. Price (biochemistry), Gadja Abrahams (physiology (renewal)). *Nuffield Scholarship in Tropical Medicine*, Beryl Davies. *Arthur Thomson Travelling Bursaries*, R. G. Finch, Helen I. Longmore, A. D. Rowse, A. L. Solomon. *Leith-Neumann Prize in General Pathology*, D. W. Proops.

LEEDS

M.B., Ch.B.—J. S. Freeman, R. A. J. Hintzen, I. Holby, Mary C. Innes, M. Peet, C. R. Rees, G. D. Slater, S. R. Yeung.

SHEFFIELD

Appointments.—Dr. J. Hopkinson (full-time assistant lecturer in physiology); Mrs. N. Saeed (full-time assistant lecturer in oral pathology); Mr. L. H. Blumgart (part-time honorary clinical tutor (surgery)); Dr. P. Grech, Dr. D. M. Hynes (part-time clinical teachers in radiodiagnosis); Dr. G. Hudson (part-time honorary lecturer in haematology); Dr. D. I. R. Jones (part-time tutor in pharmacology and therapeutics); Dr. J. Parkhouse (part-time honorary lecturer in anaesthetics); Dr. D. R. Redman (part-time honorary clinical tutor (medicine)).

NEWCASTLE

At a Congregation on 18 December the following degrees and diplomas were conferred:

M.D.—P. M. Jones, J. R. K. Robson (*in absentia*).

Ph.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: Dorothy C. Park, Sheikh Arshad Saeed.

M.B., B.S.—Elizabeth F. Cama.

D.P.M.—J. N. Haworth, L. G. Scarth, R. B. Stenhouse.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

At a graduation ceremony on 18 December the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—B. L. Ardill, R. H. Dowling, J. A. J. Ferris, D. G. McDevitt, A. C. Scott, B. A. Sims.
Ph.D.—*In the Faculty of Medicine*: M. O. A. Malik, M. A. O. Soyannwo.
M.Ch.—²G. J. Cole.
M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—S. J. C. Allen, J. A. Boucher, S. F. Fenton, R. S. Finch, Shirley S. Hanoman-Singh, D. P. W. Hoey, Davinder K. Kapur, J. I. McCully, Eleanor M. Patterson, A. A. Protop, B. J. Rooney, K. E. Sherlock, T. J. Smyth, R. Toal.

¹In absentia. ²With honours.

BRISTOL

M.B., Ch.B.—N. E. Baldock, N. H. Coward, P. R. Densham, J. B. Dodoo, A. Dosumu, A. Fishal, P. Garner, J. M. Hammond-Evans, R. Maraj, R. G. Parks, N. C. W. Smith, G. L. Steer, R. H. Teague, Julia M. Van Santen, J. W. Witcher.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an extraordinary meeting of the Council on 8 January, with Sir Hedley Atkins, president, in the chair, Professor R. Merle d'Aubigné, of Paris, was admitted to the Honorary Fellowship.

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following candidates:

D. L. Easty, N. R. M. Kay, C. H. Young, D. Worgan, A. M. Driscoll, O. G. Agbim, J. K. Brown, J. P. Bennett, A. G. Gilchrist, J. P. S. Thomson, J. R. W. Gumpert, J. A. S. K. Fenton, A. H. Amery, P. J. M. Morrison, D. Robinson, J. B. Booth, M. Briggs, R. J. Marsh, A. J. Robson, D. G. Fife, M. C. Jennings, S. J. A. Powis, C. N. Banks, J. C. Nicholls, A. Dowlatad, G. A. Welply, D. E. Whittam, G. Glazer, K. W. Reynolds, J. B. Bourke, D. J. Dandy, D. V. Ingram, E. W. Berkeley, M. A. El Maguid El Mistikawy, J. Jackson, A. Khalid, A. Abdel-Mottalib Abdel-Aziz, D. E. Kleinig, H. N. O'Donoghue, D. C. Ghosh, A. A. A. Nada, S. B. Paul, C. A. Troy, A. C. A. Hempel, T. Maung, Kumar K. P. Mohan, A. M. M. El-Mariah, P. Perdakis, M. K. Zutshi, K. Ananda Rao, P. P. Chakrabarty, N. C. Datta, B. K. B. Hanna, C. N. J. Martin, W. G. Paley, M. Rahman, M. R. A. Rami, D. Roy, P. J. Fenton, S. M. B. Islam, B. P. P. Jayasuriya, R. Barod, J. S. R.-M. Braganza, T. H. Flaherty, A. Ghosh Roy, J. D. Hamer, M. Habboushe, S. M. Haworth, E. J. Immelman, S. M. T. Jaffery, D. Knight-Jones, R. W. E. Knowles, G. D. Lister, V. Sivaloganathan, A. A. Syed, J. Thomsitt, A. M. Wassif, Wei Nien Cheng, J. R. Chesterton, J. C. Cullen, R. L. Doig, A. Halim, J. H. Khaw, E. V. Lele, D. J. MacDonald, M. J. R. Marsh, A. K. Mukherji, I. N. Nayak, R. A. Richardson, L. M. Ryan, R. P. Sengupta, S. Victor, A. O. Aina, J. R. Barker, M. G. Biswas, G. B. Blake, N. J. Dorricott, I. T. Evans, G. Farago, T. Heyworth, S. Hussain, A. J. Keogh, R. Kirby, J. F. McPartlin, T. D. Morgan, J. C. Ogbonnaya, M. M. Orr, N. R. Patel, J. C. Ssali, D. S. Thomas, O. N. Tikku, M. G. Whittaker, M. Ali, K. Balasingham, C. J. Bossley, B. J. Brough, M. H. Calvert, V. S. Chawla, Noelin C. Fehily, J. A. Graham, J. C. Hooper, R. H. Johnson, R. D. Kapadia, R. A. Kell, T. H. Kirkham, C. S. McArdle, D. S. Muckle, K. K. Nair, R. D. J. Quill, T. W. Scannell, J. B. Sewell, M. W. Waterworth, G. T. Williams, J. M. Woodward, P. K. Caves, A. W. Clark, D. W. D. Collure, S. de Silva, C. Ekwueme, A. Grech, J. D. Lewis, A. I. Low, M. J. O'Halloran, P. V. Seal, Che Keung Shiu, R. H. West, R. D. Edibam, N. Sudershan D. Rao, K. R. Srimurthy, N. R. Kulkarni.

At a quarterly meeting of the Council on 9 January, with Sir Hedley Atkins, president, in the chair, Mr. Neville Blond (East Grinstead), The Rt. Hon. Lord Cohen of Birkenhead, and Mr. L. J. Williams (London) were admitted to the Honorary Fellowship.

Honorary Gold Medals were awarded to Sir Stanford Cade, Sir Geoffrey Keynes, and Sir Victor Negus, in recognition of their distinguished labours and outstanding services to the educational and scientific work of the College.

The following were elected to the Court of Examiners for the ensuing three years:

Mr. A. M. Desmond (St. James's Hospital, Balham), Mr. H. R. I. Wolfe (University College Hospital), Mr. J. R. Hudson (Moorfields Eye Hospital), Mr. K. Harrison (Manchester) (all re-elected); Mr. A. Gourevitch (Birmingham), Mr. J. P. Hopewell (Royal Free Hospital), Mr. B. V. McEvedy (Newcastle upon Tyne),

Professor H. D. Ritchie (The London Hospital), Mr. K. C. Wybar (Moorfields Eye Hospital), Mr. Derek Ainslie (the Middlesex Hospital and Moorfields Eye Hospital).

The award of the Nuffield Prize (Faculty of Anaesthetics) to Dr. R. W. Buckland, of the University of Edinburgh, was reported.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to M. H. Maclean and K. L. G. Mills.

The following diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, as follows:

DIPLOMA IN ANAESTHETICS.—R. W. M. Baldwin, Patricia Barry, W. G. Barry, Meera Barua, D. L. Belcher, Joanna C. Bellis, S. Bhattacharyya, Patricia M. Birtles, T. K. Biswas, J. C. G. Carmichael, J. Y. C. Chen, J. R. Chenhall, B. Chettur, Jyotsna R. Chheda, Yu. Chien, A. S. Chowdhary, Armored B. Church, Catherine M. Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, M. R. J. Claxton, Ann P. Coultas, Sheila Currie, S. K. Debnath, Nandini S. Dighe, Brenda Donaldson, Bridget M. D. Dunleavy, H. D. Edmondson, Margaret N. Emmott, P. W. Fettes, A. E. Fishburn, Eleanor I. Foley, Gay Fryer, A. Ghaffar, R. Gnanasuntharam, P. H. B. Godbolt, Janet E. Gould, M. F. B. Grundy, E. G. Hadaway, A. Hameed, Sushila Hazari, K. Heap, J. C. Hennessy, Usha Jaipaul, Kalyani Jash, V. R. Jayarajah, R. Joy, N. S. Kaduskar, B. S. Kanchan, M. B. Kedar, I. D. Kerr, Sivananthavalli Ketharthas, F. M. Khan, Kumud V. Kumar, R. S. Ledward, D. R. Lockstone, C. M. Lockwood, Margaret G. McMinn, Elizabeth A. Maher, Gita Mandal, Smita D. Maniar, Surath Manimala, Angela M. Martin, R. M. Mehta, Helen R. Morley, Celia Mountford, Olena N. T. Moyseyenko, A. M. Munshi, Valerie Myatt, T. W. Ogg, P. H. Palin, R. V. Parikh, C. J. Pemberton, A. G. B. Poole, P. M. Quinnell, R. Ram, T. R. Ravinath, Maya Roy, Nilima Roy, A. Saeed, Nanita I. Sampson, Nirmal Satsangi, A. K. Sen, Anne Senior, Jyotsna J. Shah, M. W. Shaw, T. W. Simpson, R. Singh, Manisha Sircar, Subrata Sircar, J. P. de H. Spoor, T. B. H. Strain, M. Z. Tahir, Marise A. Thacker, Chandrika B. Thakrar, J. M. W. Tully, Isabella S. Tweedle, Helen J. W. Utting, Stella B. Varian, R. M. Weller, Elizabeth A. Welsh, P. M. Weston-Burt, R. Williamson, N. G. M. Wilson.

DIPLOMA IN PATHOLOGY.—P. F. Abbas, J. A. Abramowitz, F. M. Dowling, E. Ehsanullah, T. Ghosh, Kyi Kyi Han, N. R. Kallie, A. B. M. B. R. Khan, M. A. Manji, Kamla Mathur, T. C. Samerasinghe.

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGY.—A. Abid, Branwen M. Hancock, A. L. Hovenden, I. J. Kerby, Sofia T. Lanché Guevera, Myrtle J. Munro, G. G. Ribeiro, T. K. Wheeler.

DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH.—Angela M. Birch.

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGY.—T. McManners.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—A. K. Admani.

After the meeting a Hunterian Lecture was delivered by Professor A. Gourevitch, on "Duodenal Atresia in the Newborn—its Aetiology and Management."

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

D.C.H.—O. Adelaja, A. R. S. Al Girbawi, D. J. G. Bain, A. R. Ba Sein, Nuala A. Bell, Pushpa D. Bhama, Nalini S. Brahmabhatt, C. Chakraborty, J. Chandy, Mira Chaudhuri, Sharda C. Chohan, Valerie F. D. Gleadhill, Diane P. L. Gorvette, Anne Herron, W. W. Jefferson, Muriel V. T. Johnston, P. J. R. Kearney, Sheila McMorris, S. K. Mukhopadhyay, M. Nagulesparan, Thet Thet Nwe, M. S. A. Qureshi, M. W. Stannard, Maureen E. M. Taylor, C. H. Teichler, J. W. Tukey, E. B. Wijetunga, H. G. Yekanath, G. Zakaria.

On 6 January the following were elected Fellows *qua* Physician:

M. M. Hassan, Alexander Hutchison.

The following was admitted Fellow *qua* Surgeon:

U. M. Chowdhary.

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Corrections

In the letter by Dr. N. Strang on the S.H.M.O. grade (4 January, p. 58) the sixth line was incorrect. It should have read, "if the assistant grade is allowed . . ." The last word of the letter should be "compiled."

In the article "Effect of Salbutamol on Spirometry and Blood-gas Tensions in Bronchial Asthma," by K. N. V. Palmer and M. L. Diamant, 4 January, p. 31, the dose of salbutamol should have read 200 µg. and not 200 mg.

We regret an error in the article by Mr. E. Grattan and Mr. J. A. Hobbs, "Injuries to Hip Joint in Car Occupants" (11 January, p. 71). The final two sentences of the summary should have read, "Central fracture dislocations might be prevented, or their severity minimized, by strengthening the sides of cars and of car doors. Posterior dislocations and fractures of the acetabulum might be prevented, or their severity minimized, by improving the energy absorption characteristics of the facia panel."

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